

BERRIEN COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS
Virtual Board Meeting Minutes
May 27, 2021

Staff Present: Community Development Director Dan Fette (Left at 11:04 A.M.)
(In-person) County Administrator Brian Dissette
Executive Assistant to the Administrator Annette Christie
County Clerk Sharon Tyler

BOC Present: R. McKinley Elliott
(In-person)

CHAIRMAN TO CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER:

Chairperson R. McKinley Elliott called the virtual regular meeting to order at 10:32 A.M. in the Board of Commissioners' (BOC) room at the Berrien County Administration Center, 701 Main Street, St. Joseph, Michigan.

INVOCATION:

Commissioner Jim Curran gave the invocation.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA:

Commissioner Don Meeks led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to the United States of America.

ROLL CALL:

The Chair instructed the Clerk to take a roll call with the following results:

12 PRESENT: Rayonte Bell (via Zoom in St. Joseph City, MI), Jim Curran (via Zoom in Niles Charter Township, MI), Teri Sue Freehling (via Zoom in Baroda Township, MI), Robert Harrison (via Zoom in Lincoln Charter Township, MI), Jon Hinkelman (via Zoom in Watervliet, MI), Michael Majerek (via Zoom in Niles City, MI), Don Meeks (via Zoom in Benton Charter Township, MI), Ezra Scott (via Zoom in New Buffalo Township, MI), David Vollrath (via Zoom in Coloma Charter Township, MI), Julie Wuerfel (via Zoom in Royalton Township, MI), Mamie Yarbrough (via Zoom in Benton Harbor City, MI) and R. McKinley Elliott.

0 ABSENT: None.

APPROVE MINUTES OF THE MAY 20, 2021 MEETING:

Commissioner Majerek moved and supported by Commissioner Yarbrough, to approve the BOC virtual regular meeting minutes of May 20, 2021.

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll with the following results:

12 YEAS: Curran, Freehling, Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

COMMUNICATION(S):

County Clerk Sharon Tyler received and distributed to the Board the following communication(s):

- A newsletter from the Berrien County Health Department, "At Your Service," the May 2021 issue.

PARENT COMMITTEE REPORT(S) – Personnel & Human Services and Administration Committees:

The Personnel & Human Services and Administration Committees presented their Committee Reports. Administrator Brian Dissette and Community Development Director Dan Fette spoke about the Administration Committee's discussion on COVID-19 orders/rules. The Administration Committee recommended to continue as-

is until July 1st. Administrator Dissette will prepare a resolution for next week on how to move forward. Discussion was held. Parent Committee minutes are available at www.berriencounty.org.

The Finance Committee gave consensus to pay and move Resolutions #F2105032 - Weekly Bills and #F2105118 - Road Payables forward on the Consent Calendar.

PUBLIC COMMENTS REGARDING RESOLUTIONS - Public comments at this portion of the meeting must be related to resolutions listed on today's agenda only. Those speaking through the YouTube chat during public comments shall identify themselves by name (including last name) and city, township, or village. The public should refer to the resolution # that they are commenting on as a part of their comments: **None**.

CONSENT CALENDAR:

Commissioner Scott moved and supported by Commissioner Harrison, to approve today's Consent Calendar as presented:

<u>Resolutions #</u>	<u>Description</u>
F2105032	Weekly Bills
B2105079	Weekly Requisitions
F2105118	Road Payables
A2105232	Authorize Road Abandonment
P2105235	Approve contract with Lakeland for Medical Director
P2105333	Approve grant agreement Michigan Association of Local Public Health

The Chair instructed the Clerk to call the roll with the following results:

12 YEAS: Freehling, Harrison, Hinkelman, Majerek, Meeks, Scott, Vollrath, Wuerfel, Yarbrough, Bell, Curran and Elliott.

Motion carried, no nays.

ADDED RESOLUTION(S): None.

COMMISSIONER REPORT(S): None.

ADMINISTRATOR REPORT:

Administrator Dissette gave his Administrator's Report and announced a Ribbon Cutting ceremony will be held on Friday, May 28, 2021 at 10:00 A.M. for Red Arrow Highway in New Buffalo.

GENERAL PUBLIC COMMENTS – Those speaking through the YouTube chat during public comments shall identify themselves by name (including last name) and city, township, or village: None.

OTHER BUSINESS: None.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/REMINDERS – All meetings being held virtually:

Chairperson Elliott announced the following:

- Board of Commissioners meeting will be held virtually at 10:30 A.M., Thursday, June 3, 2021.

ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 11:17 A.M.

R. McKinley Elliott, Chairperson

Sharon J. Tyler, County Clerk

Minutes are to be approved at the next BOC meeting.